



# INTERNATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AND DIGITAL FORENSICS ACADEMY

**Assignment Title:** Malware Sample 2-UPX Packed

**Course Code:** ACI803 Malware Analysis for Cybercrime

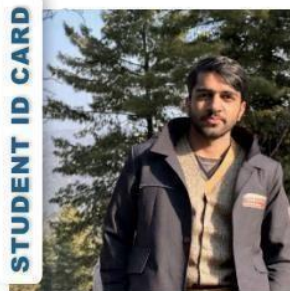
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## Executive Summary

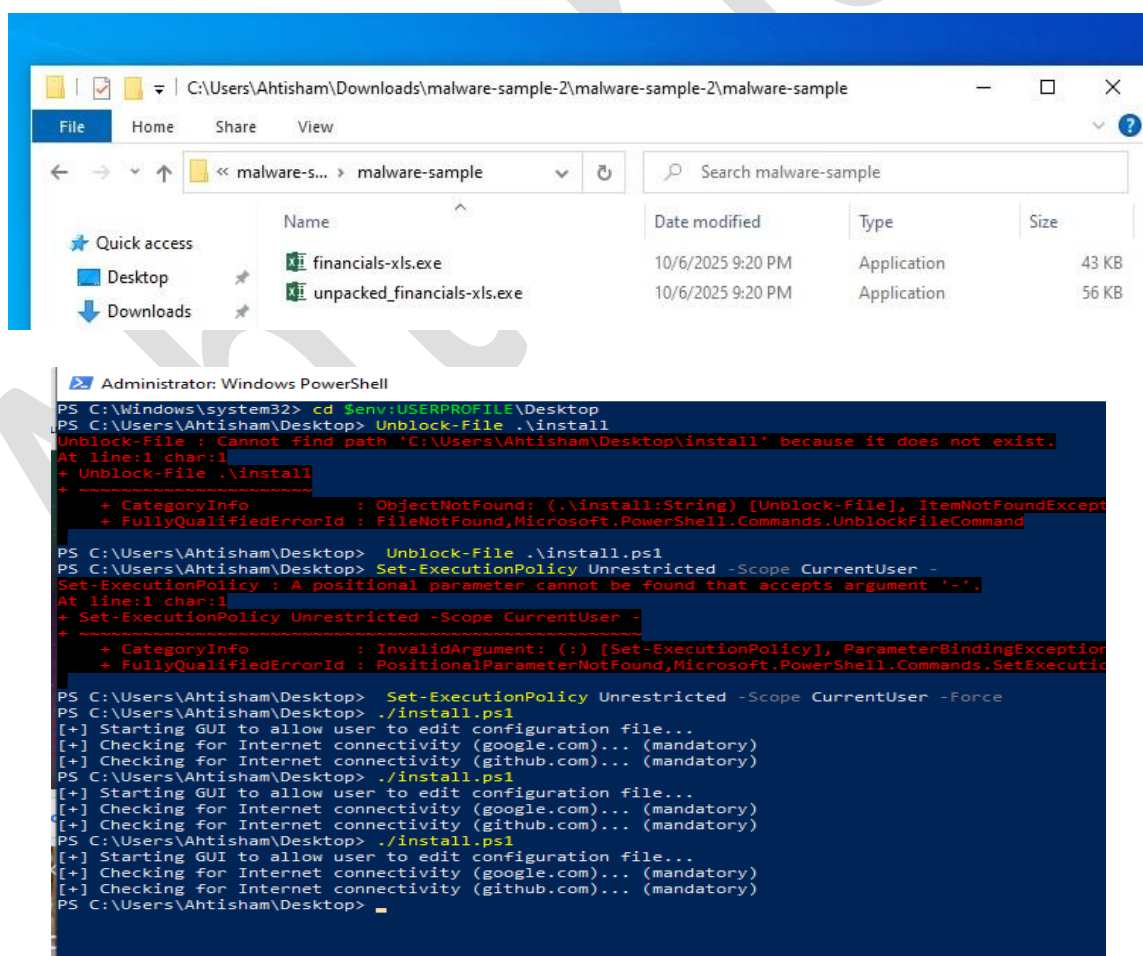
The analyzed sample, **RAT.Unknown.exe**, was obtained from the ICDFA Malware Repository and identified as a **Remote Access Trojan (RAT)**. The sample was initially packed with **UPX**, indicating an attempt to obfuscate its original code and hinder analysis.

Through systematic static analysis using tools such as **PE Studio**, **Die**, **BinText**, and **FLOSS**, followed by structural inspection using **CFF Explorer** and **PE view**, the malware was found to exhibit RAT-like capabilities including **registry-based persistence**, **keylogging**, **screen capture**, and **command-and-control (C2) communication** over HTTP.

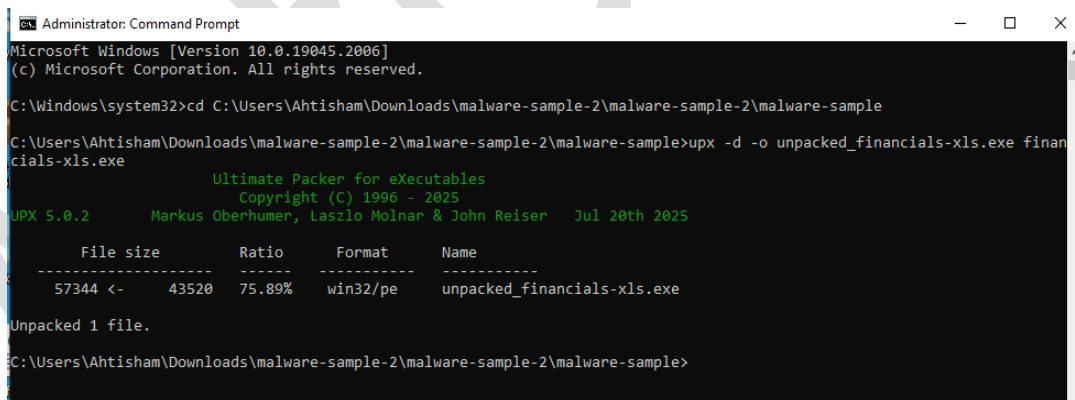
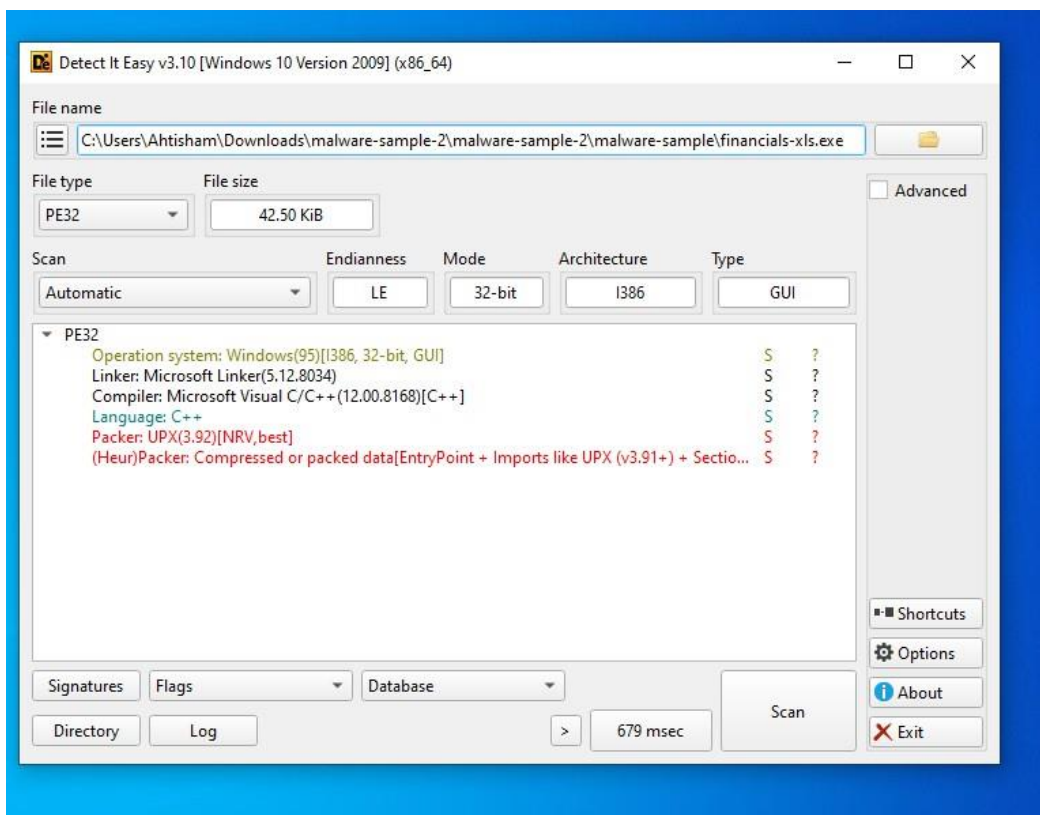
Dynamic and behavioral enrichment was obtained via **Virus Total** and **Hybrid Analysis**, which revealed multiple network indicators, API call traces, and malicious behaviors consistent with **known RAT families**.

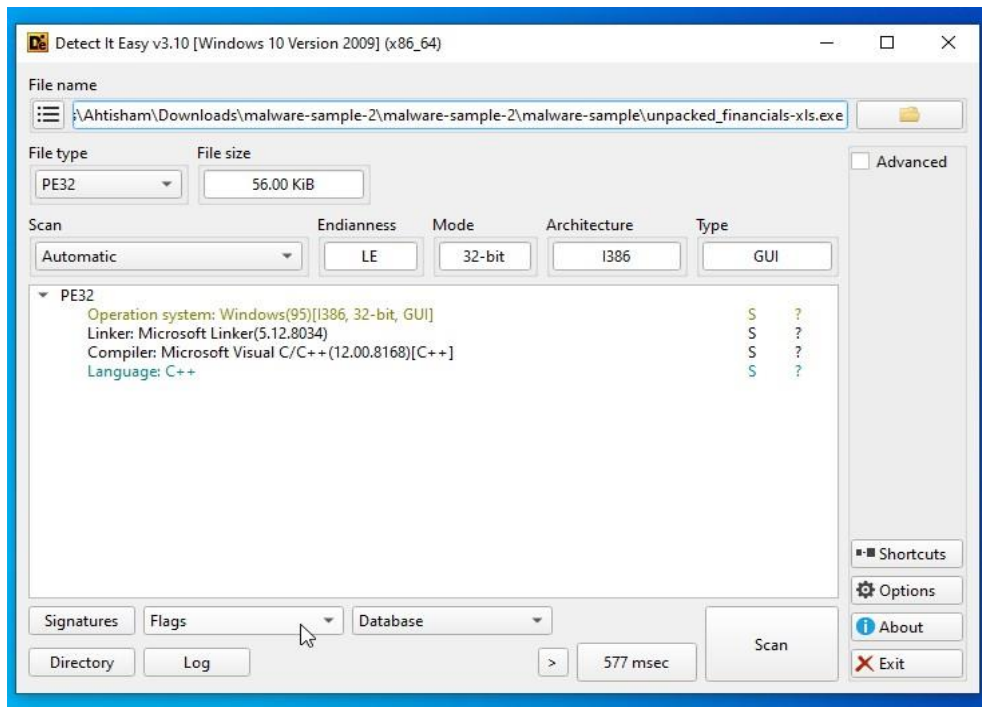
The malware leverages Windows APIs for process injection, registry modification, and credential access. The absence of a digital signature and the use of UPX packing further confirm its malicious intent. This report provides a structured breakdown of static, structural, and behavioral findings, mapped against the **MITRE ATT&CK framework**.

## Basic File Structure:

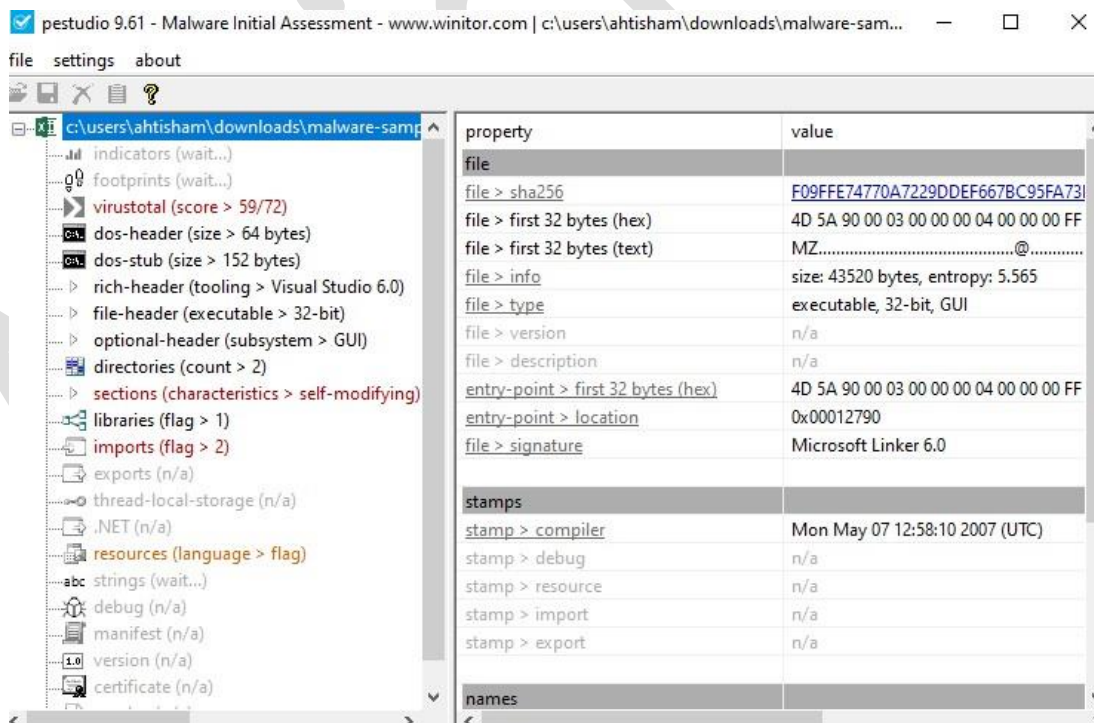


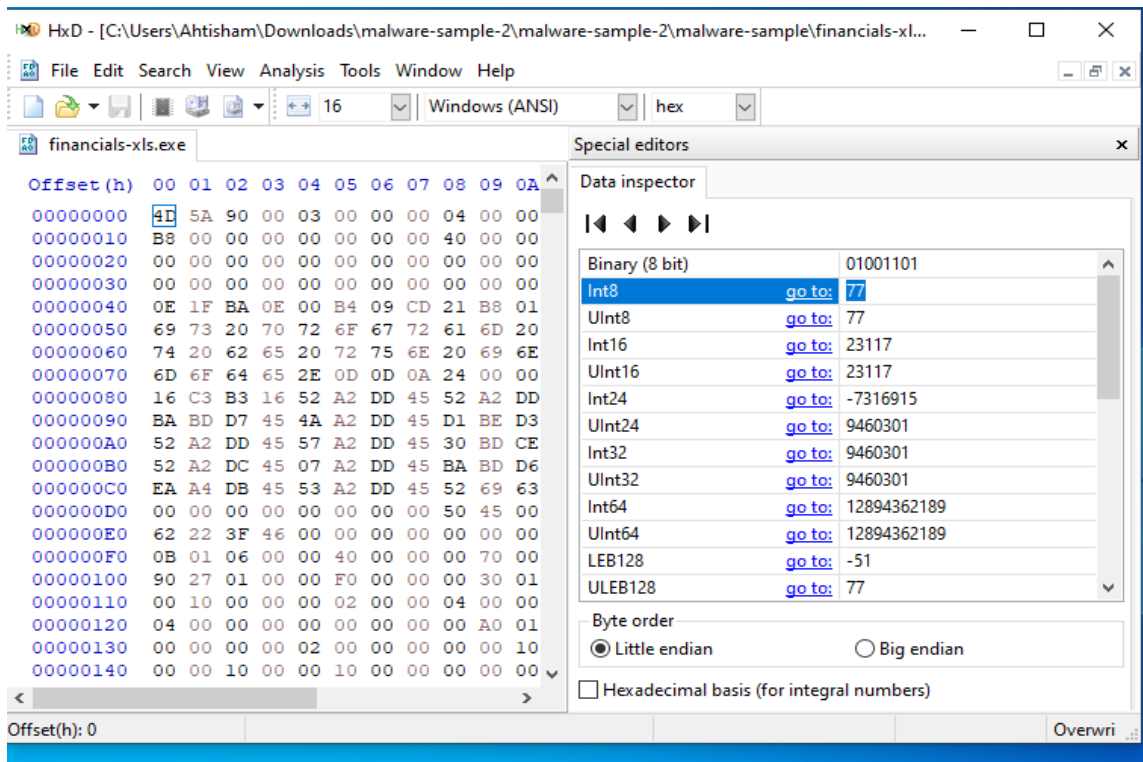
## 1. File Type Verification: TOOLS(Die)



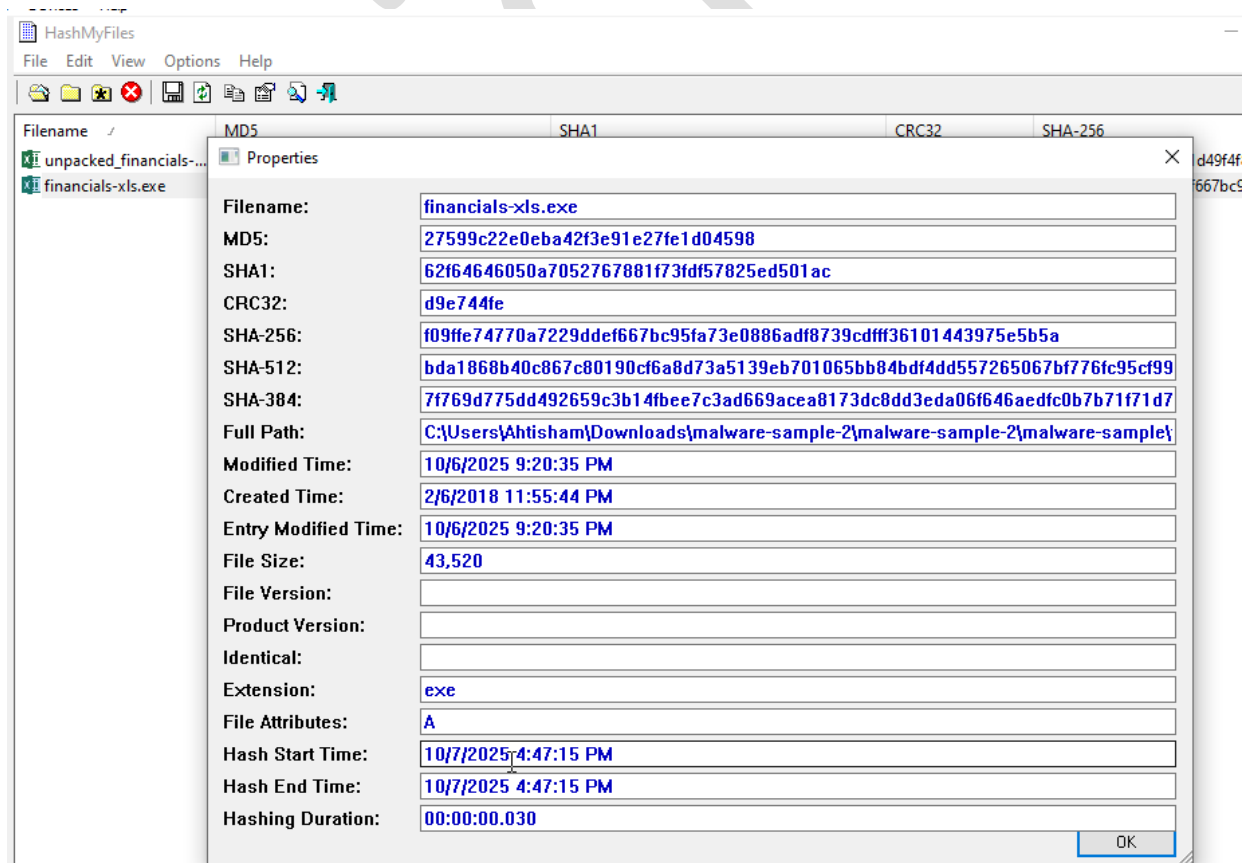


## Hashing, entropy, String Extraction and Compiler Identification: Tools(Pestudio)



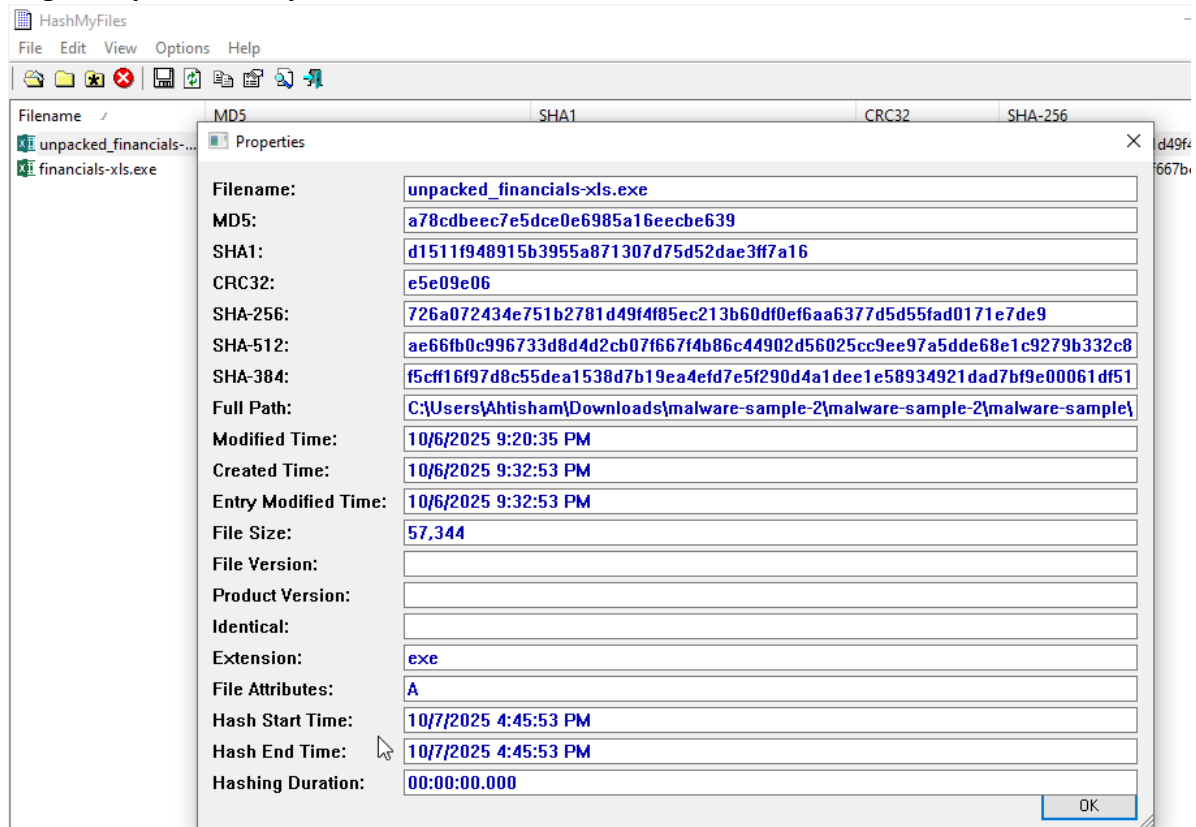


Hashes using hashmyfiles of upx-packed sample:

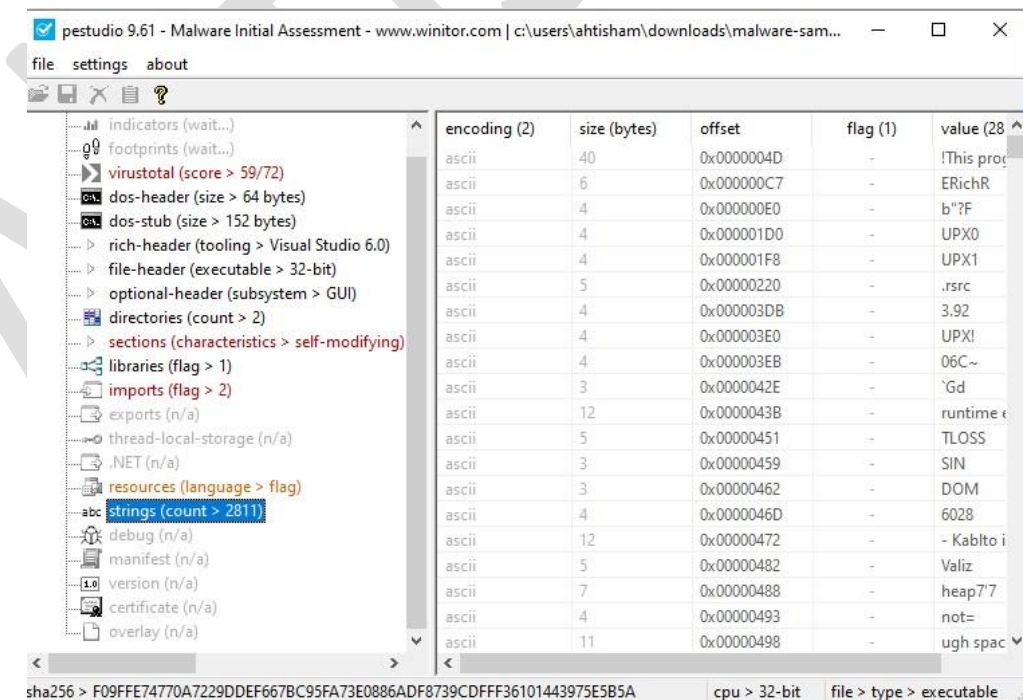




## Hashing of unpacked sample:



## String analysis using pestudio:



## Score on virus total of packed sample: tool ---->pestudio

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file settings about

c:\users\ahitisham\downloads\malware-samp

- indicators (virustotal > score)
- footprints (type > sha256)
  - virustotal (score > 59/72)
- dos-header (size > 64 bytes)
- dos-stub (size > 152 bytes)
- rich-header (tooling > Visual Studio 6.0)
- file-header (executable > 32-bit)
- optional-header (subsystem > GUI)
- directories (count > 2)
- sections (characteristics > self-modifying)
- libraries (flag > 1)
- imports (flag > 2)
- exports (n/a)
- thread-local-storage (n/a)
- .NET (n/a)
- resources (language > flag)
- strings (count > 2811)
- debug (n/a)
- manifest (n/a)
- version (n/a)
- certificate (n/a)

vendor (72/72)	score (59/72)	da
ALYac	Trojan.FakeAlert.RS	
APEX	Malicious	
AVG	Win32:MalwareX-gen [Wrm]	
Acronis	undetected	
AhnLab-V3	Win-AppCare/Renos.30720.D	
Alibaba	Trojan:Win32/Renos.2bdc21c	
Antiy-AVL	undetected	
Arcabit	Trojan.FakeAlert.RS	
Avast	Win32:MalwareX-gen [Wrm]	
Avira	TR/Dldr.Zlob.Gen	
Baidu	undetected	
BitDefender	Trojan.FakeAlert.RS	
Bkav	W32.AIDetectMalware	
CAT-QuickHeal	Trojan.Ghanarava.1731906558d04598	
CMC	undetected	
CTX	exe.trojan.renos	
ClamAV	Win.Trojan.Fakealert-33	
CrowdStrike	win/malicious_confidence_100% (W)	
Cylance	Unsafe	
Cynet	Malicious (score: 100)	

sha256 > F09FFE74770A7229DDEF667BC95FA73E0886ADF8739CDFFF36101443975E5B5A    cpu > 32-bit    file > type > executable

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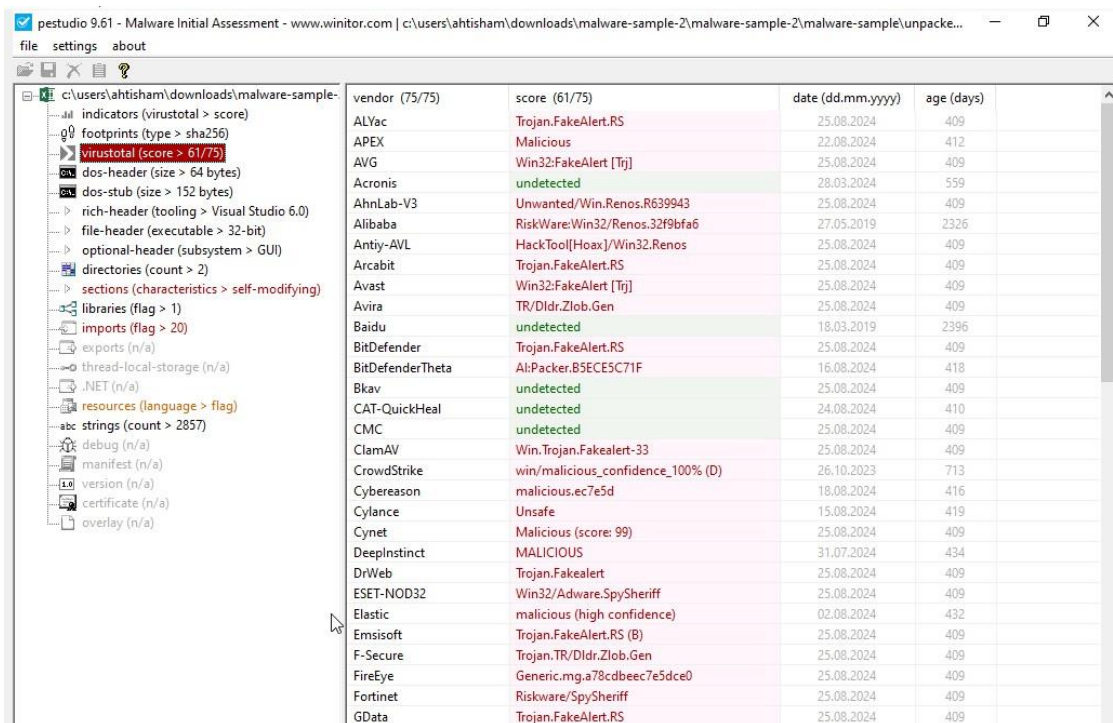
file settings about

c:\users\ahitisham\downloads\malware-sample-

- indicators (wait...)
- footprints (wait...)
  - virustotal (score > 61/75)
- dos-header (size > 64 bytes)
- dos-stub (size > 152 bytes)
- rich-header (tooling > Visual Studio 6.0)
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- sections (characteristics > self-modifying)
- libraries (flag > 1)
- imports (flag > 20)
- exports (n/a)
- thread-local-storage (n/a)
- .NET (n/a)
- resources (language > flag)
- strings (wait...)
- debug (n/a)
- manifest (n/a)
- version (n/a)
- certificate (n/a)
- overlay (n/a)

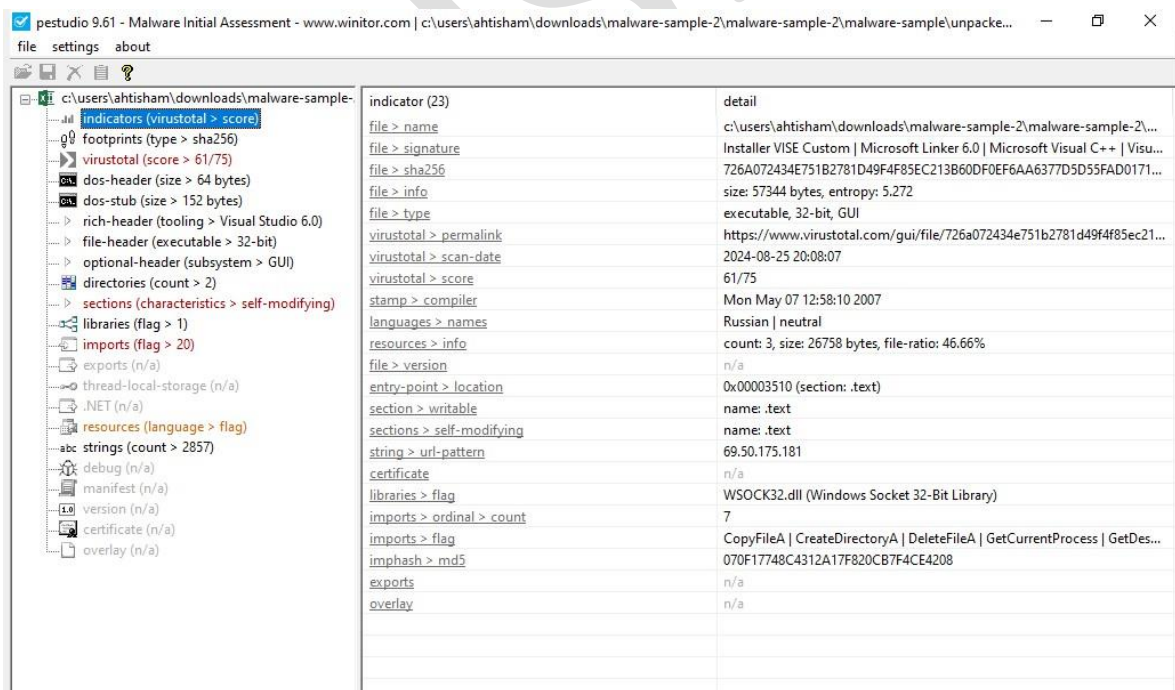
property	value
file	
file > sha256	726A072434E751B2781D49F4F85EC213B60DF0EF6AA6377D5D55FAD0171E7DE9
file > first 32 bytes (hex)	4D 5A 90 00 03 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 FF FF 00 00 B8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
file > first 32 bytes (text)	MZ.....@.....
file > info	size: 57344 bytes, entropy: 5.272
file > type	executable, 32-bit, GUI
file > version	n/a
file > description	n/a
entry-point > first 32 bytes (hex)	55 8B EC 6A FF 68 90 11 40 00 68 28 53 40 00 64 A1 00 00 00 00 50 64 89 25 00 00 00 00 83 EC 58
entry-point > location	0x00003510 (section[.text])
file > signature	Microsoft Linker 6.0
stamps	
stamp > compiler	Mon May 07 12:58:10 2007 (UTC)
stamp > debug	n/a
stamp > resource	n/a
stamp > import	n/a
stamp > export	n/a
names	
file > name	c:\users\ahitisham\downloads\malware-sample-2\malware-sample-2\malware-sample\unpacked...
debug > file	n/a
export	n/a
version	n/a
manifest	n/a
.NET > module > name	n/a
certificate > program-name	n/a

## Virus total Score of unpacked malware:



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vendor (75/75)	score (61/75)	date (dd.mm.yyyy)	age (days)
ALYac	Trojan.FakeAlert.RS	25.08.2024	409
APEX	Malicious	22.08.2024	412
AVG	Win32:FakeAlert [Trj]	25.08.2024	409
Acronis	undetected	28.03.2024	559
AhnLab-V3	Unwanted/Win.Renos.R639943	25.08.2024	409
Alibaba	RiskWare/Win32/Renos.32f9bfa6	27.05.2019	2326
Antiy-AVL	HackTool[Hoax]/Win32.Renos	25.08.2024	409
Arcabit	Trojan.FakeAlert.RS	25.08.2024	409
Avast	Win32:FakeAlert [Trj]	25.08.2024	409
Avira	TR/Dldr.Zlob.Gen	25.08.2024	409
Baidu	undetected	18.03.2019	2396
BitDefender	Trojan.FakeAlert.RS	25.08.2024	409
BitDefenderTheta	Al:Packers.B5ECE5C71F	16.08.2024	418
Bkav	undetected	25.08.2024	409
CAT-QuickHeal	undetected	24.08.2024	410
CMC	undetected	25.08.2024	409
ClamAV	Win.Trojan.FakeAlert-33	25.08.2024	409
CrowdStrike	win/malicious_confidence_100% (D)	26.10.2023	713
Cybereason	malicious.ec7e5d	18.08.2024	416
Cylance	Unsafe	15.08.2024	419
Cynet	Malicious (score: 99)	25.08.2024	409
DeepInstinct	MALICIOUS	31.07.2024	434
DrWeb	Trojan.FakeAlert	25.08.2024	409
ESET-NOD32	Win32/Adware.SpySheriff	25.08.2024	409
Elastic	malicious (high confidence)	02.08.2024	432
Emsisoft	Trojan.FakeAlert.RS (B)	25.08.2024	409
F-Secure	Trojan.TR/Dldr.Zlob.Gen	25.08.2024	409
FireEye	Generic.mg.a78cdbeec7e5dce0	25.08.2024	409
Fortinet	Riskware/SpySheriff	25.08.2024	409
GData	Trojan.FakeAlert.RS	25.08.2024	409



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indicator (23)	detail
file > name	c:\users\ahitisham\downloads\malware-sample-2\malware-sample-2\...
file > signature	Installer VISE Custom   Microsoft Linker 6.0   Microsoft Visual C++   Visu...
file > sha256	726A072434E751B2781D49F4F85EC213B60DF0EF6AA6377D5D55FAD0171...
file > info	size: 57344 bytes, entropy: 5.272
file > type	executable, 32-bit, GUI
virustotal > permalink	https://www.virustotal.com/gui/file/726a072434e751b2781d49f4f85ec21...
virustotal > scan-date	2024-08-25 20:08:07
virustotal > score	61/75
stamp > compiler	Mon May 07 12:58:10 2007
languages > names	Russian   neutral
resources > info	count: 3, size: 26758 bytes, file-ratio: 46.66%
file > version	n/a
entry-point > location	0x00003510 (section: .text)
section > writable	name: .text
sections > self-modifying	name: .text
string > url-pattern	69.50.175.181
certificate	n/a
libraries > flag	WSOCK32.dll (Windows Socket 32-Bit Library)
imports > ordinal > count	7
imports > flag	CopyFileA   CreateDirectoryA   DeleteFileA   GetCurrentProcess   GetDes...
imphash > md5	070F17748C4312A17F820CB7F4CE4208
exports	n/a
overlay	n/a



## Imports:

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- overlay (n/a)

imports (85)	flag (20)	type	ordinal	first-thunk (IAT)	first-thunk-original
GetModuleFileNameA	-	implicit	-	0x00006314	0x00000000
GetModuleHandleA	-	implicit	-	0x00006328	0x00000000
WriteFile	x	implicit	-	0x0000633A	0x00000000
ReadFile	-	implicit	-	0x00006346	0x00000000
DeleteFileA	x	implicit	-	0x00006350	0x00000000
CloseHandle	-	implicit	-	0x0000635E	0x00000000
GetFileSize	-	implicit	-	0x0000636C	0x00000000
CreateFileA	-	implicit	-	0x0000637A	0x00000000
CreateThread	-	implicit	-	0x00006388	0x00000000
CopyFileA	x	implicit	-	0x00006396	0x00000000
CreateEventA	-	implicit	-	0x000063A2	0x00000000
GetStringTypeA	-	implicit	-	0x000063B0	0x00000000
LoadLibraryA	-	implicit	-	0x000063C0	0x00000000
GetProcAddress	-	implicit	-	0x000063CE	0x00000000
GetOEMCP	-	implicit	-	0x000063DE	0x00000000
GetACP	-	implicit	-	0x000063E8	0x00000000
GetCPInfo	-	implicit	-	0x000063F0	0x00000000
RtlUnwind	-	implicit	-	0x000063FC	0x00000000
GetFileType	-	implicit	-	0x00006408	0x00000000
ExitProcess	-	implicit	-	0x00006416	0x00000000
SetHandleCount	-	implicit	-	0x00006424	0x00000000
GetEnvironmentStringsW	x	implicit	-	0x00006434	0x00000000
GetEnvironmentStrings	x	implicit	-	0x0000644C	0x00000000
FreeEnvironmentStringsW	-	implicit	-	0x00006464	0x00000000
FreeEnvironmentStringsA	-	implicit	-	0x0000647E	0x00000000
UnhandledExceptionFilter	-	implicit	-	0x00006498	0x00000000
GetCurrentProcess	x	implicit	-	0x000064B2	0x00000000
TerminateProcess	-	implicit	-	0x000064C6	0x00000000
CreateDirectoryA	x	implicit	-	0x000064D8	0x00000000
GetWindowsDirectoryA	-	implicit	-	0x000064EA	0x00000000

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- strings (count > 2857)
- debug (n/a)
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- version (n/a)
- certificate (n/a)
- overlay (n/a)

flag (20)	type	ordinal	first-thunk (IAT)	first-thunk-original (INT)	library
-	implicit	-	0x00006314	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x00006328	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
x	implicit	-	0x0000633A	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x00006346	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
x	implicit	-	0x00006350	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x0000635E	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x0000636C	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x0000637A	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x00006388	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
x	implicit	-	0x00006396	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x000063A2	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x000063B0	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x000063C0	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x000063CE	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x000063DE	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x000063E8	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x000063F0	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x000063FC	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x00006408	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x00006416	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x00006424	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
x	implicit	-	0x00006434	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
x	implicit	-	0x0000644C	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x00006464	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x0000647E	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x00006498	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
x	implicit	-	0x000064B2	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x000064C6	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
x	implicit	-	0x000064D8	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL
-	implicit	-	0x000064EA	0x00000000	KERNEL32.DLL

## MalAPI.io (Malware's API Analysis Tool):

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### Function Name

RegQueryValueExA

### Description

RegQueryValueExA is used to retrieve the type and data for the specified value name associated with an open registry key.

### Library

Advapi32.dll

### Associated Attacks

Enumeration

### Documentation

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/win32/api/winreg/nf-winreg-regqueryvalueexa>

Created: 2021-10-30  
Last Update: 2021-10-30  
Credits: mr.d0x

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### Function Name

RegSetValueExA

### Description

RegSetValueExA is used to set a value and type for a given registry key.

### Library

Advapi32.dll

### Associated Attacks

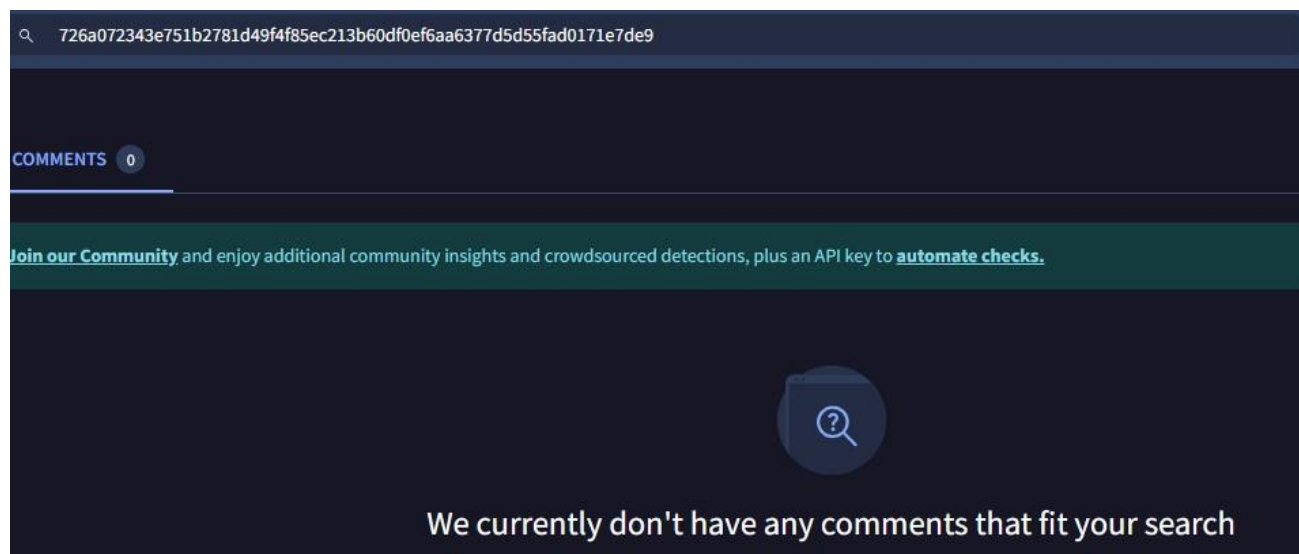
Helper

### Documentation

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/win32/api/winreg/nf-winreg-regsetvalueexa>

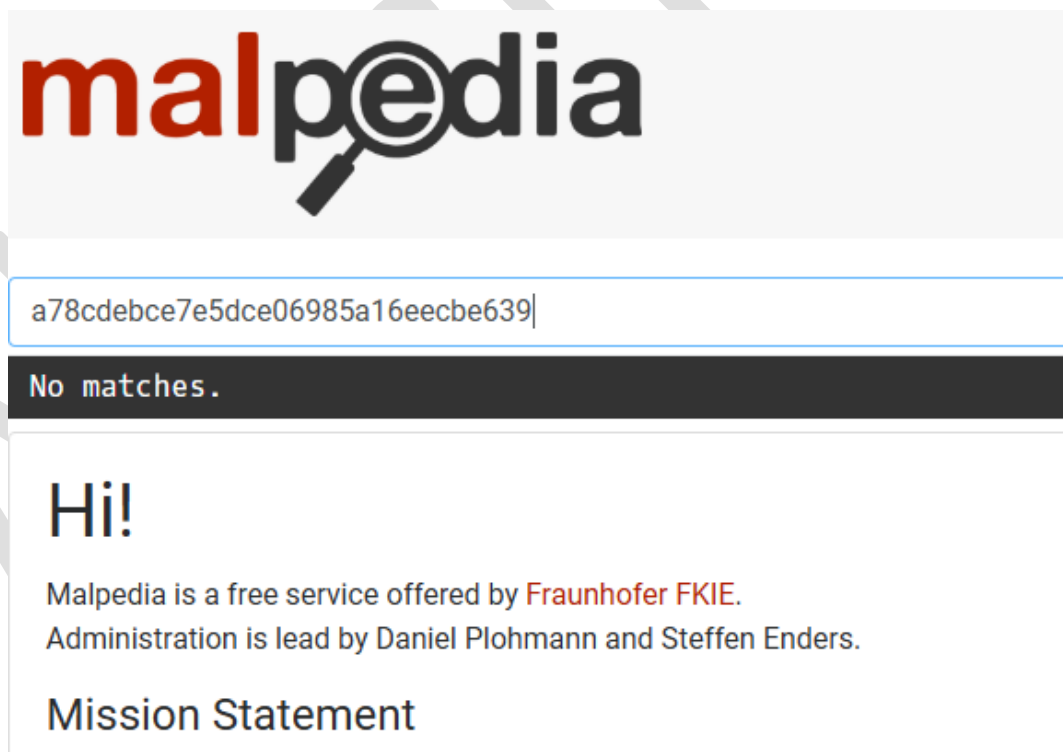
Created: 2021-10-30  
Last Update: 2021-10-30  
Credits: mr.d0x

## MD256 Hash Check Using Virus Total:



## Checking Malware Family Using mapedia:

Using malware's Hashes, we can easily search malware sample's family record:



Uploading malware sample:

Our task was to submit malware sample to MalAPI.io Analyzer but after recent update in MalAPI.io we are unable to upload our malware sample so we have used different tools. given below

HYBRID ANALYSIS

Request Info

IP, Domain, Hash...

Analysis Overview

Request Report DeletionShow Sample Content

Submission name:financials-xls.exe

Size:56KiB

Type:peexeexecutable

Mime:application/x-dosexec

SHA256:726a072434e751b2781d49f4f85ec213b60df0ef6aa6377d5d55fad0171e7de9

Submitted At:2022-12-08 11:26:34 (UTC)

Last Anti-Virus Scan:2024-08-04 17:15:23 (UTC)

Last Sandbox Report:2024-08-04 17:15:23 (UTC)

malicious

Threat Score: 100/100

AV Detection: 92%

Labeled As: Trojan.FakeAlert

PostLinkE-Mail

0Community Score0

Analysis Overview

Anti-Virus Scanner Results

Falcon Sandbox Reports (4)

Relations

Incident Response

Community (0)

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Anti-Virus Results

Updated 1 year ago - Click to Refresh

CrowdStrike FalconStatic Analysis and ML

MetaDefenderMulti Scan Analysis

HYBRID ANALYSIS

SandboxQuick ScansFile CollectionsResourcesRequest Info

IP, Domain, Hash...More

Defend against the most relevant threats. In addition to providing a real time threat feed of global IOCs, CrowdStrike Falcon Intelligence delivers custom IOCs derived from the automated malware analysis of threats taken directly from your endpoints.

Learn more

Falcon Sandbox Reports (4)

Characteristics LegendShow All As ListSubmit

Not all reports are visible. 1 error report is hidden.Show All As List

Windows 10 64 bit

financials-xls.exe

August 4th 2024 17:15:23 (UTC)

Malicious

Threat Score: 100/100

Labeled As: Trojan.FakeAlert

Indicators: 3

Characteristics: 92

Windows 7 32 bit

abc.exe

November 12th 2023 07:28:28 (UTC)

Malicious

Threat Score: 100/100

Labeled As: Trojan.FakeAlert

Indicators: 6

Characteristics: 63

Windows 7 64 bit

financials-xls.exe

March 16th 2023 10:02:36 (UTC)

Malicious

Threat Score: 100/100

Labeled As: Trojan.FakeAlert

Indicators: 6

Characteristics: 26

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## Uploading malware sample on Virus Total:

**61 / 75**  
Community Score

61/75 security vendors flagged this file as malicious

Reanalyze Similar More

726a072434e751b2781d49f4f85ec213b60df0ef6aa6...  
unpacked\_financials-xls.exe

Size: 56.00 KB  
Last Analysis Date: 1 year ago

EXE

peexe long-sleeps direct-cpu-clock-access runtime-modules persistence

**DETECTION** DETAILS RELATIONS BEHAVIOR COMMUNITY

Join our Community and enjoy additional community insights and crowdsourced detections, plus an API key to automate checks.

**Popular threat label** trojan.renos/spysheeriff

**Threat categories** trojan adware downloa

**Family labels** renos spysheeriff bravesentry

**Security vendors' analysis** Do you want to automate checks?

AhnLab-V3	Unwanted/Win.Renos.R639943	Alibaba	RiskWare:Win32/Renos.32f9bfa6
ALYac	Trojan.FakeAlert.RS	Antiy-AVL	HackTool[Hoax]/Win32.Renos
Arcabit	Trojan.FakeAlert.RS	Arctic Wolf	Unsafe
Avast	Win32:FakeAlert [Trj]	AVG	Win32:FakeAlert [Trj]
Avira (no cloud)	TR/Dldr.Zlob.Gen	BitDefender	Trojan.FakeAlert.RS
BitDefenderTheta	AI:Packer.B5ECE5C71F	ClamAV	Win.Trojan.Fakealert-33
CrowdStrike Falcon	Win/malicious_confidence_100% (D)	Cybereason	Malicious.ec7e5d
Cynet	Malicious (score: 99)	DeepInstinct	MALICIOUS
DrWeb	Trojan.Fakealert	Elastic	Malicious (high Confidence)
Emsisoft	Trojan.FakeAlert.RS (B)	eScan	Trojan.FakeAlert.RS
ESET-NOD32	Win32/Adware.SpySheriff	Fortinet	Riskware/SpySheriff
CDData	Trojan.FakeAlert.RS	Google	Detected